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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FURUSE et al.

Attorney Docket No: 106145-00021

Application No. 09/940,603

Art Unit: 1725

Filed: August 29, 2001

Examiner: K. Lin

For: METHOD FOR JOINING FRAME MEMBERS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

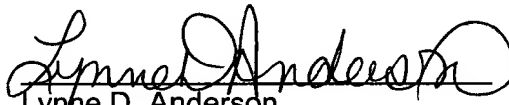
March 28, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for two month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 28, 2002 from January 28, 2003 to March 28, 2003. Included in the attached check is the amount of Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$410.00) to cover the fees for the extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 106145-00021.

Respectfully submitted,


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